

REMARKS

The sole issue raised by the Examiner is an Election/Restriction requirement.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of four groups of Claims I to IV, under 35 U.S.C. 121.

Applicant hereby elects group I is claims 1-9, 12-18 and 21-26, with traverse.

The traverse is based upon the fact that the claims of group I all relate to water soluble compositions comprising a selected solubilizing agent and a compound to be solubilized. The claims of Group II relate to a method for preparing a specific water soluble composition. It appears that the Examiner has appreciated the link, and will re-join group II in the event that group I and specifically claim 9 is found to be allowable.

The Examiner has also required the election of a species, although by his own admission there are only three species defined, which is clearly a reasonable number of species to be searched without undue burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, Species 2, coenzyme Q10, ubiquinones and ubiquinol is elected with traverse. Claims 12-18 and 24-26 read on this species.

The applicant hereby reserves the right to Petition the Commissioner on these issues, upon final disposition of the elected claims.

Applicant has voluntarily amended claims 16 and 17, without prejudice.